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## MAINLY THANKS.

My first task should, I think, be to thank the editor of the "Year Book" for the labour he spends in getting it out in order that we may have a permanent record of the main incidents of the school year.

Then it seems not improper to take this chance to give my thanks to all the Staff for the fact that the year really has been successful. In Examinations, Scholarships, Work, Games and Activities we have had a fortunate year; the individual accomplishments of Saltus boys both past and present will be found noted in the pages of this magazine.

Much, of course, is still to be done. In a school nothing can be static and some sort of progress is constantly hoped for. I suppose that one of our aims is to keep the school so active, lively and interesting that the boys will respond easily to the education provided and, whilst they are obtaining a sound groundwork, develop that variety of interest which is so essential to a full life later on. With comparatively slender equipment this object is being attained in some measure, due to the concerted enthusiasm of both Staff and boys. . . .to all of them I am most grateful.

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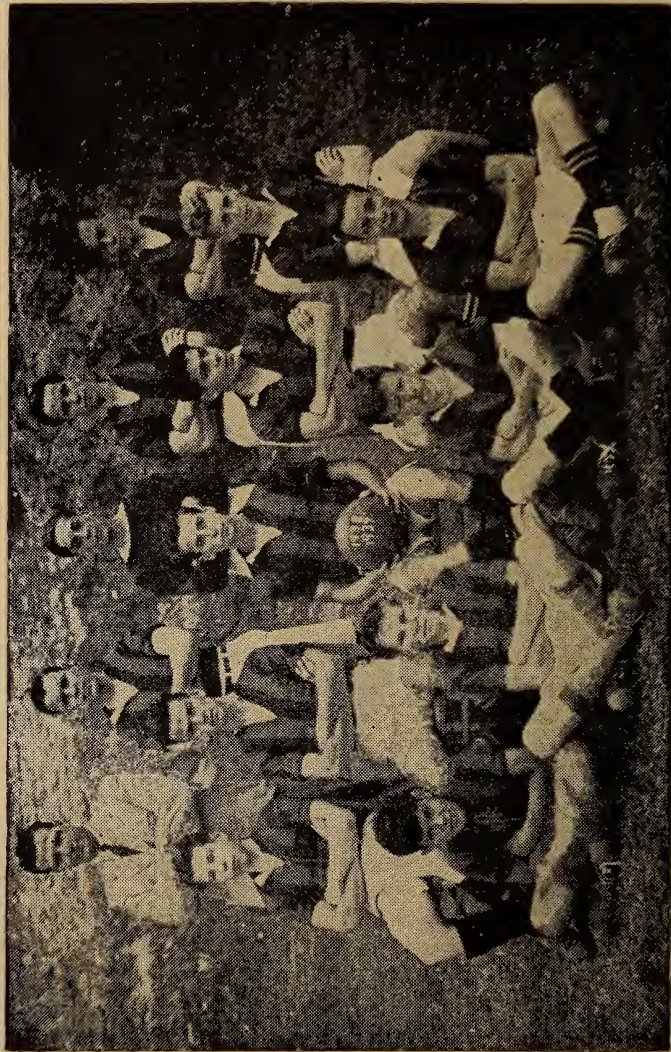
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## EDITORIAL.

Last year we launched on our local world the first issue of the Saltus Year Book. In an effort to maintain the interest of the Old Boys in the life of the School, we rejected a great deal of matter which appealed only to the contributors themselves or to their immediate families, and tried to make the Year Book present a fair picture of our activities and achievements. The Old Boys responded nobly and a large number of copies was sold. In fact, the entire edition was sold out.

At the same time, however, we appealed to the School for articles descriptive of our life here, written expressly for the Year Book, to replace those samples of work done in the ordinary course of the school curriculum which we had decided to reject. We regret that the response in this direction has not been forthcoming. There are, naturally, any number of reasons for this; in particular, this school year has suffered more from interruptions, in the way of sickness and otherwise, than for some years previously, and, consequently, there has been less time for a labour of love than usual. But we would urge on the present members of the School that it is not enough merely to arouse the interest of the Old Boys, but that an interest in its own activities is a good thing in any institution, and that others are the more likely to show the continued interest which we so desire, if we are articulate about ourselves.

Do not, then, wait until a month or so before the date of publication, but let the spirit move you to put pen to paper at any time during the year when there is the least excuse for it; a spontaneous inspiration is much more valuable, and has much more interest for others, than a composition over which you have had to cudgel your brains, or burn the midnight oil.

## SCHOOL NOTES.

At the beginning of this year we welcomed a new member of our staff, Mr. E. R. Ilott. He immediately started to reorganise the library, and his efforts have had such success that now it is a place where large numbers of boys go regularly after lunch to read books, whereas formerly it was often used merely as an excuse to avoid the necessity of going down onto the field. In this achievement Mr. Ilott was very materially assisted by the presentation of a quantity of books by Mr. Edmund Gibbons. Mr. Ilott is also a great hitter; he can hit a golf ball further, we believe, than anyone else in Bermuda (he won the Belmont Manor Golf Tournament), his efforts with a cricket ball in the Staff Match aroused the admiration of every boy in the School (his unflagging interest in cricket has been largely responsible for the improvement in the batting of the First XI), and, in the Christmas term, the most numerous first form on record was the best behaved in the school (verb. sap.)

We offer our congratulations to Leseur I. for winning the Craddock Scholarship. We wish him the best of luck when he goes to England in the autumn. He also distinguished himself by coming first in the Long Jump for the B. A. A. against the Navy with a jump of 19ft. 8½" .

For the second time in succession there were no failures in the Cambridge Locals among our candidates. Benevides, Crawford, Motyer I, and Thompson were successful in the senior examinations, and Campbell in the junior.

The School was well represented, too, in the examinations held here by the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music. Anfossi, Butterfield I, Butterfield II, Hallett and Smith III, were all successful in their various groups.

Talking of music, the Choir gave the usual Carol Services at Christmas and Easter, and last month they sang Stanford's cantata, Phaudrig Crohoore, to an appreciative audience. Mr. Norman Parker was at the piano, and Mr. Bridge conducted.

On the 22nd. of April we were again privileged to hear the massed bands of the Royal Marines beat the Retreat on the field. It is always an impressive ceremony and one that attracts a large attendance.

In January the School held an art exhibition. The entries were judged by Mrs. Charles Bleecker, Miss Grace Tucker and Mr. Hereward Watlington. The prizes were donated by Mr. Watlington and presented by Mrs. Bleecker. There were over sixty entries, many of them showing very considerable merit.

In the general wave of innovation and improvement which we are experiencing now the P. T. has not been forgotten. L/Serg. King of the K. S. L. I. has been coming down from Prospect with the very latest in physical jerks. He has added interest and variety to an otherwise rather monotonous ritual, and, although the spectators who are "off games and P. T." have sometimes wondered whether it is not some new form of folk dancing, the new P. T. has proved stimulating, as well as profitable, to those who indulge in it.

During the holidays last summer the Science Room was provided with a new set of benches, all properly fitted with gas and water pipes and sinks. It is now possible for a form to do practical chemistry and carry out experiments for itself, instead of merely watching a demonstration. Another result is that the rest of the School, even those with the least sensitive sense of smell, can easily tell when a practical chemistry period is in progress.

On March 31st., by the courtesy of the West India Oil Co., a party of those who professed to be keen scientists escaped the last period of afternoon school to visit the Oil Dock. Our guide, Mr. A. S. Kohler conducted us everywhere and showed us the whole works, and answered all the questions, intelligent and otherwise, that were rained upon him. The greatest interest was shown in the electric welding of one of the new tanks. Two of the party were allowed to try their hand at welding one of the seams, but one, at least, of them was so startled when the sparks began to fly, that he found it quite impossible to make any progress. We spent an enjoyable and instructive afternoon (come of us learnt for the first time that fuel oil and Diesel oil are not the same things), and we were very grateful to all concerned.

For, we believe the first time in living memory the School was closed on account of an epidemic during February. A wave of influenza attacked juniors and seniors alike, and, when less than half the boys arrived one morning, it was decided to close for three days so as to prevent the plague going any further.

The last few months have been exceptionally dry, and the school tanks have been perpetually on the verge of running out. The Trustees have now had a well made on the field to take care of the more pressing demands on the water supply.

The sensible occupation of the lunch hour has often proved a problem in the past. The new library has done much to solve it, but now, by the generosity of Mr. Malloy, a very attractive solution has been found. He has presented several loud speakers to the School and has made it possible not only to reproduce instructive gramophone records in every form room, but, by including the Assembly Hall in the circuit, has enlivened the lunch hour with gramophone concerts for all who care to listen to them. We have almost given up hope of rain, but this form of entertainment should prove especially valuable when the weather keeps us indoors.

Our thanks are due to N. H. Williams for his coaching of the competitors in the Athletic Sports. Before both the School Sports and the B. S. S. A. Sports he came up almost every evening, and the excellent performance of our representatives was in no small measure due to his tuition.

Our thanks are due to Mr. Hal Butterfield, who has been instrumental in obtaining for us the Saltus Family Bible. This contains a comprehensive record of the Saltus family, including the Founder of the School. It is a most interesting relic and we are fortunate to possess it.

Still another activity has been provided, though, at present, for only a limited number of boys. Mr. Paul Curtis kindly offered to take a small class in fencing, and those who availed themselves of the opportunity have made excellent progress and enjoyed it thoroughly.

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## OLD BOYS' NEWS.

In the King's Birthday Honour List there appeared the names of two Saltus Old Boys. Mr. E. J. Waddington, who was appointed Governor of Barbados last year, has had conferred upon him the honour of being created a Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George. The Hon. John Trimmingham has been created a Commander of the British Empire. We offer them both our heartiest congratulations.



Mac Paschal, who proceeded to Oxford last October with a Rhodes Scholarship, has been awarded a full Blue for Boxing. We believe that it is unprecedented for a Bermuda Rhodes Scholar to obtain a full Blue in his first year at the 'Varsity.

We have to congratulate St. George Tucker on being awarded the Rhodes Scholarship this year. We are proud to see him add his name to the long list of Rhodes Scholars who have come from Saltus, and wish him every success at Oxford.

G. C. Gilbert obtained four Credits in the School Certificate last year and has now entered The Royal Military College, Sandhurst.

J. D. Misick has been confirmed in his tenure of a Bermuda Scholarship. He was awarded a provisional scholarship last year, and is now at Ampleforth College in Yorkshire.

L. Vorley has been playing Soccer for Harvard, and was in the team that represented his University against Yale.

W. C. H. Hallett represented Rossall in the Hurdles at the Public School Sports in London. He and the other old Saltus Boys are all prominent in the accounts of the various games at Rossall. Hallett himself is in the Rugby XV, the Hockey XI, the Gym. VIII and the Boxing Team. W. R. Kempe has been playing Rugby and Hockey for his House. H. North has played Hockey for his House. Last summer Paschal, Hallett and Kempe shared the honours between them in the Swimming Sports. Hallett is now a sergeant in the O. T. C.

O. H. Darrell, who went to Cheltenham last autumn, found that his first task was not to learn his Latin and French and so on, but to dig trenches. We were sorry to hear that either the unusual exercise or the severity of the English winter was too much for him, and that he was very ill for some weeks in the early part of the year. We trust, and believe, that he has long since recovered.

Brian Tovey, who went to St. Edwards School, Oxford, last year, has won an Exhibition at that school. He won the form prize in English; he has taken up boating, and is learning to be a cox on the river.

Letters have been received from all the above and from F. G. Lines, Harry Evans, W. H. Murphie and D. Wadson. Their interest in Saltus remains undiminished.

## CRICKET AND FOOTBALL.

Cricket was interrupted considerably last year by public holidays and Sports meetings. However, there was plenty of keenness, especially among the younger boys, and some improvement was noticed in the standard of play. The 1st. XI only lost one match and won three, including the game against the Old Boys on Founder's Day. The 2nd. XI were successful in all three of their encounters with opposing teams.

The Colts were again handicapped by the lack of a concrete pitch and consequently were unable to arrange any fixtures. This year a new concrete pitch is available as well as an additional net and already there is a most noticeable improvement in style.

The Football season can again be rated as most successful. The 1st. XI was sound, both in attack and in defence. They gave a good account of themselves in all matches, winning five, drawing one and losing two. Most of the opposing teams consisted of older and more experienced players, and the success of the team was therefore all the more creditable.

The Colts also had quite a good team this season. The defence was very sound, but a little weakness was noticeable amongst the forwards towards the end of the season. However, we had some excellent games, winning six, losing one, and drawing one, and were runner's up to St. George's in the B. S. S. A. competition, which we had previously won for two year's consecutively.

Other fixtures were arranged for various other elevens and some keen and exciting games resulted.

### MATCH RECORDS.

1938-1939.

#### FOOTBALL.

28th. Oct. 1st. XI v Staff XI won .....	2—1	Home
4th. Nov. 1st. XI v Dockyard Apprentices lost .....	1—5	Home
18th. Nov. 1st. XI v Foresters Band Boys draw .....	2—2	Home
8th. Nov. 1st. XI v Monarch Boys won .....	10—0	Home
24th. Nov. 1st. XI v S. G. S. Old Boys. won ...	12—7	Home
5th. Dec. A. S. G. S. XI v Queen Bell Boys. lost .....	0—4	Home



3rd. Feb. 1st XI v Dockyard Apprentices won .....	5—0	Home
30th. Jan. Darrell and Saltus Houses v Warwick won .....	2—1	Away
10th. Feb. 2nd. XI v St. Georges Grammar lost .....	0—2	Away
23rd. Feb. 1st. XI v Old Boys won .....	4—2	Home
28th. Feb. Butterfield and Watlington v Warwick won .....	3—0	Home
3rd. Mar. 1st. XI v Queen Bell Boys lost .....	2—3	Home
27th. Feb. 2nd. Div. v Mt. St. Agnes lost .....	1—3	Home

### JUNIOR LEAGUE.

25th. Nov. v Whitney Institute won .....	12—0	Away
28th. Nov. v St. Georges Grammar won .....	1—0	Home
19th. Dec. v Mt. St. Agnes Academy won .....	4—0	Home
18th. Jan. v Mt. St. Agnes Academy won .....	6—0	Away
26th. Jan. v Warwick Academy won .....	4—0	Away
6th. Feb. v Whitney Institute won .....	8—0	Home
27th. Feb. v St. Georges Grammar lost .....	1—3	Away
2nd. Mar. v Warwick Academy won .....		Home
5th. Dec. 7th. XI v Mt. St. Agnes lost .....	1—3	Home

### HOUSE MATCHES:—

Watlington defeated Saltus, Darrell, Butterfield  
 Darrell defeated Butterfield, Saltus.  
 Saltus defeated Butterfield.  
 Butterfield Nil.

### CRICKET:—

5th. May 1st. XI v Staff XI won .....	Home
15th. May 1st. XI v K. S. L. I. Band Boys lost .....	Away
2nd. June 1st XI v Dockyard Apprentices won .....	Home
5th. June 1st. XI v K. S. L. I. Band Boys won .....	Home
15th. June 1st. XI v Old Boys lost .....	Home
6th. June Colts XI v Whitney Institute won .....	Away
13th. June Colts XI v St. Georges Colts lost .....	Home
17th June 1st. XI v Dockyard Apprentices won .....	Away

### HOUSE MATCHES:—

Darrell defeated Butterfield.  
 Saltus defeated Butterfield, Darrell: drew with Watlington.  
 Watlington defeated Butterfield, Darrell: drew with Saltus.  
 Watlington defeated Saltus in the replay for the Cricket Cup.

## CADETS.

We were very sorry to say good-bye to R. S. M., F. W. Williamson who had been coming to School in the capacity of Sgt.-Major for some years. He was remarkable for his efficiency and good cheer and he was a very good friend to the School. The Corps made him a presentation of a large cedar tray with an engraved silver plate in the middle which he accepted with a graceful speech on his farewell appearance. He left to return to his regiment at the beginning of February.

Sgt.-Major Clarke has come out as his successor. We welcome him and his enthusiasm, and are looking forward to some success at camp under his guidance.

The numbers of the Corps have increased to 84. This must nearly be our optimum strength, but we can still find room for a few more. As we could never expect to build up a full company, we find the organisation into three platoons most satisfactory.

Training varies according to the term. During the Christmas term, we concentrate on ceremonial and company drill. At Easter we practise field drill for the Field Day and in Summer we re-organise and make ready for camp.

Owing to the size of our numbers, our camp contingent is nowadays being divided into two units which compete against each other. Last year, no. 1 platoon was the Band and no. 2 the remainder. Our greatest rival was no. 5 platoon from the Dockyard with whom we had tremendous struggles in the competitions. Unfortunately we lost the cup for the best platoon in camp to them largely owing to a poor and non-representative turn-out in the sports which, had we won them—and we should have done—would have given us the cup. It is a little upsetting having a house divided amongst itself in this way, but last year no. 1 did very well to win the drill. It was also extremely gratifying to find that no. 2 was third. This year, if our numbers at camp come up to expectations, we might be able to fill up no. 1 platoon a bit more, and give them a little assistance that way.

There has been little in the way of outside ceremonial parading for the Cadets during this last year, in fact, except for one or two performances of the Band, Armistice Day was the only one that can be called to mind. The less said about that parade the better because seldom, if ever, can there have been such a rabble.

The new field drill that Sgt.-Major Clarke started teaching us in the Easter term is an interesting departure. The forming of "threes" took less getting used to than might be expected, for indeed the whole new field drill order is a simplification of the old one. Originally introduced in England so that large bodies of troops on field manoeuvres should take up less room on the road, it was improved upon and adopted generally with a view to doing away with unnecessary ceremonial and minimising delay in getting troops on the move.

We are, as ever, frustrated in our efforts towards real smartness of turnout on parade owing to lack of an adequate supply of uniforms. But this unfortunately is beyond our control. However, if you can use your imagination and picture every cadet in the same attire and the extremities of most of the shorts and stockings about nine inches closer to each other—in fact, if you can forget about the uniforms, perhaps you will find that the drill is not too bad.

### BAND.

The highest degree of excellence that the Band has so far attained was at its first visit to camp last year. When it formed up again at the end of the summer holidays, trying to get it started was like trying to sit on a chair that had lost three of its legs. In this case, the legs happened to be particularly stalwart ones; they were Sgt. Emerson, Coad and Evans who had been really the foundation of the Band from the very start and whom we missed terribly. Furthermore, the leading bugler had left temporarily in October, keenness had flagged and the Band was altogether a shaky affair. In fact, one could not help wondering if it would ever get going properly again. It was not until February came and new instructors were sent down from Prospect that things started to look up.

We have already sung the praises of Sgt. Emerson in a past issue. He was an extraordinarily capable teacher, partly because he was so exceedingly proficient in everything that he taught and partly because he was liked so much by anyone who had anything to do with him. Coad, the personification of smartness and reliability, was so outstanding as Drum-Major that the cup that he won for the "best senior cadet in camp" was a symbol of only part of the praise that he earned. Evans had, at the end, more to show in the way of improvement than anybody else. He kept splendid time, mastered all the double beats, and in the last month or two was swinging his sticks,—if you will excuse the expression—"like nobody's business." One of his favourite

expressions was "I'm a terror, aren't I." One was forced to admit it. He was.

The Band was very honoured when the buglers were asked to play the calls on Armistice Day, there being only three regular buglers at Prospect. The Last Post they knew vaguely. The Reveille, a very long call consisting of just over 150 notes, was entirely new to them. The notice they were given was by no means long, but after frequent and concentrated practices they were fairly well up to standard. On the whole, they did very well, and Band-Master Smith of the Sherwood Foresters who came down almost daily said he was pleased with them.

Over the rest of our participation in Armistice Day we have already tried to draw a veil . . . Suffice it to say that we were very much the tail end and our marching suffered (as also, no doubt, did that of everyone else near us) owing to the fact that, going down Front Street within 150 yards of each other, three bands were playing different tunes in different times. It was pretty good Bedlam. It was a case of "All played fast, but none played faster than we." We were immediately behind the B. M. A. some of whose many admirers very soon fell back and walked as supernumeraries among our ranks. We were brought to a standstill three times and finally, outside the Phoenix, the B. M. A. band stopped, for all intents and purposes, to give an informal and impromptu concert to the sea of appreciative faces that were surrounding them. I think that it was at this juncture that we more or less gave up.

### VISIT TO B. V. E. CAMP.

On two occasions during the winter the Band played in and around Hamilton for the B. V. E.s to march to. The second time was when they were almost at their lowest ebb, when they should not really have gone out and we thought we were not going to be asked again. However, the hospitality of the B. V. E.s came to the fore, and once again they asked us down to St. David's for the night.

This time, we tried to do a little more to make ourselves worthy of the invitation and, at their request, arranged to put on a short P.T. display. This they watched with more attention and less derision than perhaps it deserved, but on the other hand, to be quite fair, the Band did try very hard and going through a complete table without a single command the way they did is possibly a little harder than you might think.



After supper, they were shown the guns, searchlights, wireless station and all the contrivances the camp had to offer. They were well entertained at no. 2 gun by an extremely smart and knowledgeable sergeant of the B. M. A. who referred to different parts of the gun as "this gentleman here" and "that gentleman there" but who, unfortunately was cut short in the middle of a highly spirited demonstration of gun drill in the event of a misfire, in which he took the part of every man in the gun crew at the same time.

The next morning, Reveille was at 5.30 for a fall-in at 6.00 and route march at 6.15. Bearing in mind that an average of certainly no more than three hours sleep was had by all, they gave a fairly good account of themselves.

We take this opportunity of thanking Major Moore and the B. V. E. once again for their kindness and hospitality.

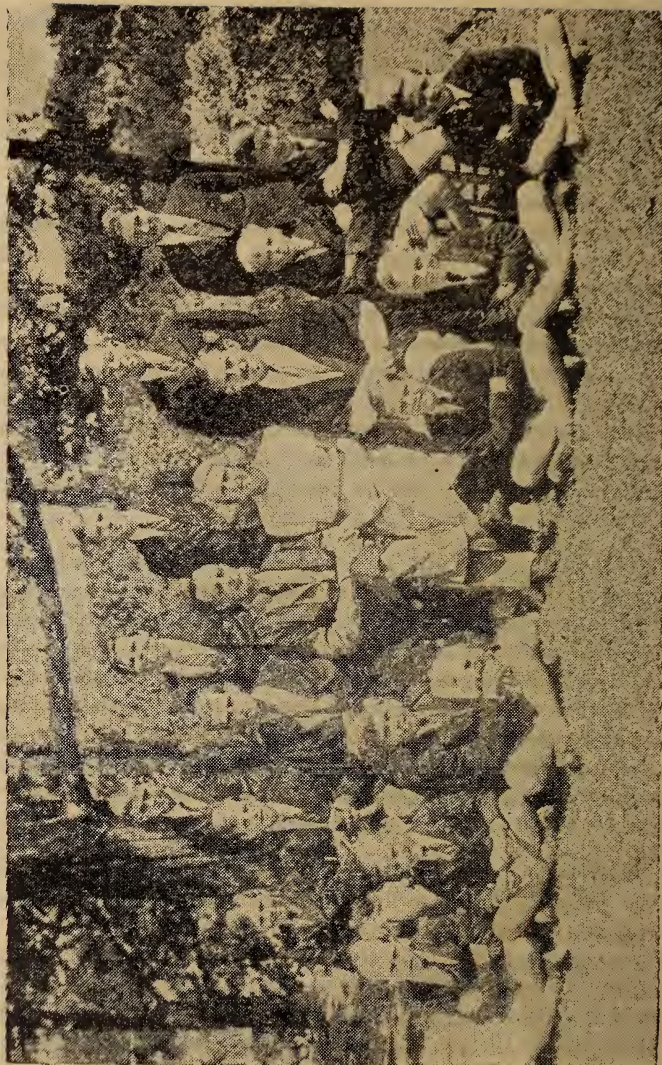
### FIELD DAY.

The Field Day is always the hardest thing to write about Cadets. This would not be difficult to understand if you could watch the development from comparative order to more or less complete confusion which inevitably results.

On Wednesday, April 5th, at 9.50 a.m., the Cadets, Band to the fore, marched out of the School gates heading for that scene of many a reeking, smoking battle, Devonshire Marsh. The idea was to arrive at a place some distance beyond the Devonshire golf course shortly before ten o'clock having relinquished the band instruments on the way. The Saltus force was then to divide against itself—a morale shattering performance—and the detached unit was to join forces with the enemy. That the enemy were "milk sops" to have to have reinforcement from us is brought home all the more by the fact that their rendezvous was the Devonshire Dairy.

Our objective that day was to endeavour to prevent the enemy from setting fire to two "oil wells" which were our cherished property, the one actually at Devonshire Marsh and the other at Prospect. Our hasty advance to well no. 1 was first checked at 10.30 when our leading scout was fired on. (This was a good thing, for otherwise we should have got there first and spoilt the Field Day.) As it was, we were just too late to see the balloon go up, and by the time we arrived the dastardly sabotage was already wrought. There was only one thing for it now and that was to send half the force with the greatest dispatch round another way to cut them off while the other half engaged them in the rear. This plan was duly carried out.

THE BOARDING SCHOOL 1938-1939.



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The main force advanced steadily keeping rigidly to time as according to schedule but the enemy was making itself scarcer and scarcer. Either their dislike for being "engaged in the rear" increased proportionally to the advance, or their watches were wrong; for when we came to the most insurmountable obstacle in our path (the hill by the green of the third hole)—a position where they could have kept us at bay indefinitely with a couple of water pistols and a pea-shooter—we found that they had already departed. Our occupation here, so far from being one of triumph was one of dumb amazement.

Henceforward then, the going was comparatively easy. We had plenty of time to relax and when the time came for the final offensive to begin all were as fresh as daisies. This operation started with some stealth but finished up by being a pretty rowdy affair because lunch was in the offing and the enemy stood somewhat in our path. However, the other part of our force was lined up by now to the accompaniment of shrill huzzas it was learnt that the well had been saved. At this point the centre of interest underwent a complete change transforming itself from oil to mineral.

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## THE BOARDING SCHOOL.

This is the end of the third year since we opened and it may now be said that we are very much a part of the place. More and more people realise that we fill a gap in the educational effort of Saltus and they take advantage of it. So much so has this been the case that, unless two of our numbers had left in mid-term to go abroad, we should have been in the unenviable position of having to refuse an entry.

We did not need to change our methods but experience has helped us in detail. The boys have established their own traditions in small matters and their force of example soon puts the new boy into the "straight and narrow path." We have had a particularly good term this term and, although emphasis as always has been laid on the distinction between work and play, the happiness of the boys has been the vital consideration. We mention this in order to counteract any idea that such an existence is impossible in a boarding school, which belief has been encouraged both by old fashioned school stories and very modern psychological tracts. We do not believe that a boy can

work hard and give of his best generally if he is unhappy and we conduct ourselves accordingly. Interested parents are most welcome to drop in on us unexpectedly some time when he or she will find high spirited small persons playing cricket to the accompaniment of loud shouts from both victors and vanquished, or model aeroplanes being flown through the air to the accompaniment of equally piercing cries of delight.

Our one worry at the moment is an uneasy feeling that we have slightly overgrown our accomodation. Particularly do we need a larger play room for use on wet days. We have high hopes however that the summer may see an improvement in this respect.

We are glad to have this opportunity to thank our parents for their whole-hearted support and for the very encouraging way in which they express their appreciation.

### THE WEEK-END AT THE BOARDING SCHOOL.

By A Boarder.

We usually wake early and read books and wish the bell would hurry up and go. When it does we rush down to our cold shower which gives us a good appetite for breakfast. The rabbits and their tiny pink offspring have then to be attended to, and their owners waste a good deal of time giving each other advice about how to guard them against rats instead of playing with us more sensible persons. We are sorry to say that the baby rabbits were carried off one night in spite of this. Soon it is time to finish off any work left over from the week and it is a big relief when that is all done with and we can go to carpentry. Here we learn a lot about saws and hammers and we hope our parents will have the courage to let us show off our knowledge of their use when odd jobs have to be done in the holidays.

Perhaps this is the day for an early lunch followed by the South Shore for a bathe, but more likely we shall go to that haunt of the Boarding School, Chiappa's Bay, for swimming and water-polo with cricket between whiles. We return for tea and then there is ping-pong or Dover Patrol, or perhaps our movie expert will shew us some films of ourselves doing the most unexpected things. After we Juniors are in bed our Housemaster usually reads to us, and this term it has been "Old English Tales Retold." In spite of what he says we still firmly believe that they are "fish" stories.

On Sundays after breakfast we write letters home and go to church. Sunday lunch is the best in the week and we feel we have well earned it after doing such good deeds. After lunch we treat the day very much like a Saturday until tea time but then we take "time out" for reading. And so to bed and a good night's sleep to prepare us for another week of school work.

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## CUBS.

The Pack during the past year has fully maintained its high standard of work under the enthusiastic guidance and direction of Mrs. Seymour who took over as A. C. M. in September last.

Sixers H. Cox, H. Butterfield, Covell, and Misick have worked hard and under their leadership discipline has been very good. Numerous Proficiency Badges have been earned, especially for House Orderly, Athlete, Collector, and Guide.

The Pack took part in the Rally at Government House on June 3rd, and enacting the Dance of Tabagui before His Excellency, brought into the roles of Wolves and Jackals an excellent and lifelike imitation of the denizens of the jungle which unnerved many a hardened spectator.

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## THE DEBATING SOCIETY.

The first meeting, held on September 29th. for the election of officers, was the prelude to a very successful debating season. The debates have been mainly in the more serious vein, and of an instructive nature; but they have been relieved by the frequent flashes of humour, in which members place increasing reliance as their style matures.

. Nov. 10. Debate on the Motion, "That every man should be his own master."

**Proposer:—**A. Russell.

**Opposer:—**F. Duffey.

**Third:—**F. J. Leseur.

**Fourth:—**J. Adams.

The Proposer urged an early release from slavish tendencies in thought and speech; the boy should be prepared to step out into life feeling in his heart, "I am the master of my fate: I am the captain of my soul." Invoking Shakespeare, the Opposer reminded the House that even the bees have "a king and officers of sorts"; sustained progress depended upon disciplined organisation.

On a vote, the majority decided that they had no wish to be their own masters: a puny lot.

**Dec. 15. Hat Debate:** Each member made one or more impromptu speeches.

**Jan. 26** Debate on the Motion, "That free education means better education."

**Proposer:—**F. Duffey.

**Opposer:—**J. Adams.

**Third:—**T. N. Fall.

**Fourth:—**H. P. Malloy.

For Free Education it was claimed that the uneducated man was uncivilised; he needed education to fulfil his obligations to the community, and therefore it was in the best interest of the community to educate him. The Opposer denied that there could be such a thing as free education: somebody had to pay, usually the taxpayer; but in so far as it was free to the recipient he was less likely to appreciate it. The Motion was defeated.

One member, who arrived late in a jaundiced frame of mind from detention, was heard to remark that he thought education a frightful bore anyway.

**Feb. 9.—**Debate with the B. H. S. on the Motion "That ambition is a vice rather than a virtue."

**Proposer:—**Miss N. North.

**Opposer:—**F. Duffey.

**Third:—**J. F. Motyer.

**Fourth:—**Miss K. Peniston.

The Proposers pointed at the dangers of overweening ambition, which had been responsible, for so much suffering in the past, and seemed now to be hurrying the world along to a major disaster; but the Opposition felt the spark of ambition stirring within their breasts, and believed that it was a noble thing, and a necessary stimulant to a man who would achieve much.



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Ambition rallied its forces strongly to rebut by a substantial majority the stigma of vice.

**March 2.**—Debate on the Motion, “That Free Trade means better trade.”

**Proposer:**—J. Adams.

**Opposer:**—H. P. Malloy.

**Third:**—F. J. Leseur.

**Fourth:**—T. N. Fall.

The greatest benefit to mankind in general would, it was claimed result under a system in which all countries were free to produce to the maximum those things which they were best fitted by nature to produce, and to exchange them without hindrance; and many others of the classical arguments were adduced. The Opposition was sympathetic, but maintained that while the world followed the competitive system free trade was impracticable; the protection of its food supply and industries was a nation's first line of defence. The Motion was defeated by two votes.

There was an unusually good attendance at this debate, and it has been suggested that some of the junior element were attracted by the mistaken notion that some facilities for “free trade” at the school shop were contemplated.

**March 30.**—Debate with the B. H. S. on the Motion, “That the Athlete is of more use to the community than the Scholar.”

**Proposer:**—H. P. Malloy.

**Opposer:**—Miss J. Motyer.

**Third:**—Miss M. Osborne.

**Fourth:**—J. Adams.

*Mens sana in corpore sano:* The Proposers stressed the importance of physical fitness and self-discipline, and viewed sport as an asset in social intercourse, and as a generator of international understanding and goodwill. The Opposers did not deny to the athlete his place in the scheme of things, but above him they elevated the scholar as the superior being whose contribution was constructive, and who guided mankind along the path of progress: where there is no vision, the people perish.

The voting showed that the House very definitely preferred brains to brawn.

Most of the other members of the Society have made their contributions in debate from time to time.

**OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR, 1938/39.**

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**Secretary:** ..... F. Duffey.

**Committee:** J. F. Motyer, H. P. Malloy, J. Adams, F. J. Leseur, and  
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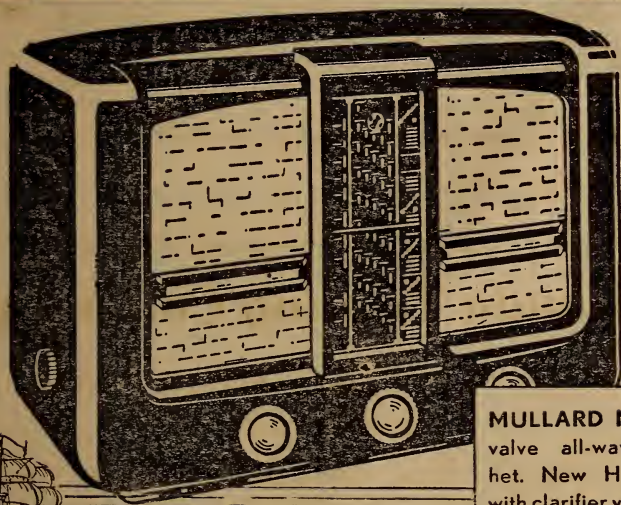
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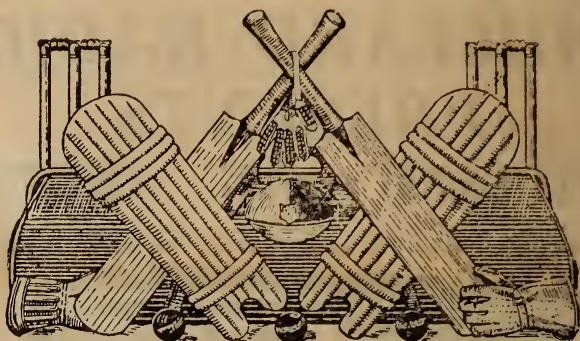


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